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To VIKTOR[1]

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"MERI"[ii] on his own initiative advises that his known to you friend [REDACTED][iii], who supports

[19 groups unrecovered],

told "MERI

[31 groups unrecoverable]

.....GEN[b] explained that this is

[13 groups unrecovered]

to [REDACTED]

[18 groups unrecovered]

also on the fact that MERI's information confirms "OSIPOV's"[iv] information [2 groups unrecovered].

"ERSH"[v] indicates that according to rumors in [D% circulation] among workers of the "IZBA"[vi]

[17 groups unrecovered]

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Notes: [a] Not available. Also referred to in NEW YORK's External Serial no. 855 of 5th June 1943.

[b] If correct this would probably be the last syllable of KARFAGEN, i.e. WASHINGTON, D.C. However, a common form of garble would give GEL and from the inflection it would probably be "about [REDACTED]"

Comments:

[1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] MERI: Unidentified cover-name.

[iii] [REDACTED]

[iv] OSIPOV: Nikolaj Vladimirovich ORLOV.